



Washington Secretary of State

CLEARINGHOUSE

ELECTIONS NOTICE

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Post-Election Day Procedures

Crediting Voters

Changes cannot be made to the list of registered voters until crediting reconciliation is complete. The crediting reconciliation must be finished 30 days following the certification of an election, but can be done any time before that date. For crediting procedures, please refer to WAC 434-262-013, including these subsections which state:

(4) “Changes to the list of registered voters, such as new registrations, transfers, or cancellations, may not be made following a general election until the crediting reconciliation is complete. Correction of errors is allowed.”

(5) “The county auditor shall make an electronic or paper copy of the list of registered voters immediately following this reconciliation. Using this data, the county auditor shall also produce validation statistics for each minor taxing district in the county. Once the list is copied and the validation statistics are complete, changes to the data base may be made.”

Ballot Materials and Envelopes

Several changes made to the WACs have affected the wording of oaths and instructions on balloting materials such as absentee, security, and provisional envelopes. First, the instructions to voters were changed to reflect the new method of correcting a vote by striking through a candidate's name. Second, revisions were made to the voter's oath on absentee and provisional ballot envelopes.

If you have materials with old instructions/oaths, please discard them. New materials will be required for 2009 elections. For complete information, please refer to WAC 434-250-040, WAC 434-250-050, and WAC 434-253-045.

Please contact the Certification and Training Program if you have any questions at (360) 902-4180.